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The Honorable Board of Commissioners Community Development Commission County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS OF DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES' GLENDALE CENTER (DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board approve the transfer of up to \$44,000 in County General Funds, specifically Homeless Service Center Funds (HSCF), allocated to the Fifth Supervisorial District, for costs associated with the installation of an alarm system at the Glendale outpatient mental health clinic operated by Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, located at 1540 East Colorado Street in Glendale.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all required documents necessary to accept and incorporate into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget up to \$44,000 in HSCF allocated to the Fifth Supervisorial District.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the existing Grant Agreement with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, to incorporate an additional \$40,000 in HSCF, for costs associated with the installation of an alarm system at its Glendale Center, following approval as to form by County Counsel.
- 3. Authorize the Commission to retain \$4,000 (10%) for administrative costs.
- 4. Find that the approval of funds for the installation of an alarm system at its Glendale Center, located at 1540 East Colorado Street, in the City of Glendale, is exempt from the provisions of the

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to increase the amount of the Grant Agreement with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services from \$1,080,245 to \$1,120,245 in County General Funds (CGF), specifically HSCF allocated to the Fifth Supervisorial District to fund costs associated with the installation of an alarm system and enhance the security at the Didi Hirsch Glendale Center.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed actions described herein will be funded with a portion of CGF known as HSCF. Approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2006 as part of the Homeless Prevention Initiative, these funds are used for programs and costs associated with services, operations, and capital projects for individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Each Supervisorial District is allocated \$1,425,000 annually to fund such programs.

The Fifth District has allocated an additional \$44,000 for this effort: \$40,000 to be granted to Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services and a \$4,000 (10%) administrative fee for the Commission. These funds will be incorporated into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget as needed or included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 20, 2012, your Board approved the allocation of \$1,080,245 to Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services to fund costs related to the renovation of the Didi Hirsch Glendale Center to create a new Wellness Center, to improve the building's safety, expand its capacity to provide clinical services, and provide more privacy for clients. The purpose of the renovation is to better respond to the needs of clients with serious mental illness, in particular those who are homeless, as well as to ensure the safety of clients and staff in the event of an earthquake.

We are now returning to your Board to request the approval of funds to install an alarm system and to enhance the security at the Glendale Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project has been determined ministerial and exempt from the requirements of CEQA by the City of Glendale in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268. The Commission's consideration of this determination satisfies the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will enhance the security at the Didi Hirsch Glendale Center, which provides mental health services for homeless individuals in Glendale and surrounding communities.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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